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SUBJECT: SISTER CITIES ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN AND TUEBINGEN,
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REF: STUTTGART 0546, 14 JUNE 1974; RUCHTI LETTER OF MAY 10

1. DEPT. AND TOM GITTENS OF TOWN AFFILIATION ASSOCIATION
HAVE CONTACTED MAJOR STEPHENSON AND PROF. DOUGLAS CREARY
OF ANN ARBOR SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE IN
EFFORT CLARIFY "CRISIS". PROF. CREARY EXPLAINED THAT
NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES ARE INVOLVED, AND
PERSONAL RIVALRIES AND LACK OF COMMUNICATION IN ANN ARBOR
HAVE LED TO THIS SITUATION.

2. MAYOR STEPHENSON HAS SENT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO
BURGERMEISTER JAGER: "ANN ARBOR OFFICIALLY WELCOMES
TUEBINGEN DELEGATION JULY 23-28. HOWEVER, AUGUST 13-18
PREFERABLE WHEN GERMAN FESTIVAL OCCURS HERE. PLEASED
OF PRESIDENT THEIS INTEREST IN MICHIGAN-TUEBINGEN UNIVER-
SITY RELATIONS. STEPHENSON, MAYOR."

3. PROF. CREARY UNDERSTANDS TUEBINGEN DELEGATION CONSIST
OF BURGERMEISTER JAGER AND COUNCILMEN RAISER, MAJEWSKI
AND MERK. ANN ARBOR STRONGLY PREFERS VISIT AUGUST 13-18
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SINCE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CHORUS WILL BE PERFORMING THEN. ANN ARBOR GERMAN ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE SPONSORING PICNIC AND WOULD LIKE TUEBINGEN DELEGATION ATTEND. LITTLE COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTIVITY PLANNED JULY 23-28, BUT IF TUEBINGEN DELEGATION COMES DURING JULY EVERY COURTESY WILL BE EXTENDED.

4. ANN ARBOR CELEBRATION IS YEAR-LONG PROJECT AND BASED IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY ANN ARBOR GOVERNMENT DOES NOT EXERCISE MUCH CONTROL OVER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE.

5. FYI, PROF. CREARY UNSURE ABOUT PLANNED CHARTER FLIGHT FROM TUEBINGEN. ACCOMMODATIONS MIGHT BE IN UNIVERSITY DORMITORIES, AND ANN ARBOR ACTIVITIES WOULD DEPEND ON DATES THAT VISITORS ARRIVED. BECAUSE LITTLE CONCRETE INFORMATION AVAILABLE, ANN ARBOR COMMITTEE AND MAYOR STEPHENSON WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION.

6. FYI, THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN GERMAN DEPARTMENT HAS JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF FREIBERG.

7. DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED MAYOR STEPHENSON SEND EXPLANATORY LETTER TO BURGERMEISTER JAGER.

8. DEPARTMENT REALIZES "SEEMING TRIVIA" CAN RAISE PROBLEMS OUT OF PROPORTION AND IS PREPARED TO OFFER FURTHER ASSISTANCE IF NECESSARY. KISSINGER

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